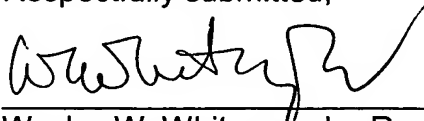


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**Remarks**

By the foregoing Amendment, 22 of the 40 claims have been amended to conform to United States Patent Office regulation and 3 new claims have been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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